

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A storage container for holding a disc shaped item of recorded media; the disc shaped item of recorded media having a central opening; the storage container comprising:
 - a base;
 - a hub extending upwardly from the base, the base having a top surface that supports the disc-shaped item of recorded media;
 - the hub being adapted to hold a disc shaped item of recorded media;
 - the hub including a sidewall and a plurality of locking fingers projecting outwardly from the sidewall, the locking fingers being non-removable from and integrally formed with the sidewall of the hub;
 - the sidewall having a height and an upper surface;
 - the sidewall being free of openings;
 - ~~each of the locking fingers having a height and being spaced from the top surface of the base by a distance greater than the thickness of a standard CD~~
that is substantially less than the height of the sidewall;
 - the sidewall being fixed with respect to the base; and
 - each of the locking fingers being flexible and adapted to allow a disc shaped item of recorded media to be forced down over the hub and locking fingers until the locking fingers are disposed over the top of the disc shaped item of recorded media with the disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub.
2. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the height of the locking finger is 1/4 to 1/12 of the height of the sidewall.
3. (Original) The storage container of claim 2, wherein the height of the of the sidewalls is 1/16 inch.
4. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the height of the locking finger is 0.01 inches.

5. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the locking finger has an upper surface that is substantially coplanar with the upper surface of the sidewall of the hub.
6. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the sidewall of the hub is cylindrical.
7. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the sidewall of the hub is continuous.
8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A storage container for holding a disc shaped item of recorded media; the storage container comprising:

- a base defining a disc seating area adapted to receive the disc shaped item of recorded media;

- a hub connected to the base and disposed in the disc seating area;

- the hub being adapted to hold the disc shaped item of recorded media;

- the hub including a continuous cylindrical sidewall and a flexible locking finger projecting outwardly from the sidewall, the locking finger being integrally formed with the sidewall of the hub;

- the sidewall having a height and an upper surface;

- the locking finger having a height substantially less than the height of the sidewall;

- the sidewall being substantially unmoveable;

- the sidewall being free of openings;

- the locking finger being adapted to allow a disc shaped item of recorded media to be forced down over the hub and locking finger until the locking finger is disposed over the top of the disc shaped item of recorded media with the disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub;

- a lid hingedly connected to the base between open and closed positions;

and

- the lid covering at least a portion of the disc seating area when the lid is in the closed position.

10. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the height of the locking finger is 1/4 to 1/12 of the height of the sidewall.

11. (Original) The storage container of claim 10, wherein the height of the sidewall is 1/16 inch.

12. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the height of the locking finger is 0.01 inches.

13. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the locking finger has an upper surface that is substantially coplanar with the upper surface of the sidewall of the hub.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A storage container for holding a disc shaped item of recorded media; the disc shaped item of recorded media having an inner edge that defines a central opening; the storage container comprising:

a base;

a hub extending upwardly from the base;

the hub being adapted to hold the disc shaped item of recorded media to the base;

the hub including a sidewall and a deflectable locking finger projecting outwardly from the sidewall; the sidewall having an upper surface;

the locking finger having an upper surface that is substantially coplanar with the upper surface of the sidewall of the hub;

the sidewall having a height of 1/16 inch ~~and an upper surface;~~

the locking finger having a height of 1/4 to 1/12 the height of the sidewall;

the sidewall being fixed with respect to the base; and

the locking finger being adapted to be deflected by the inner edge of the disc shaped item of recorded media to allow a disc shaped item of recorded media to be forced down over the hub and locking finger until the locking finger is disposed over the top of the disc shaped item of recorded media with the disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The storage container of claim 16, wherein the height of the locking finger is 0.01 inches.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The storage container of claim 1, further comprising a disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub with the locking fingers disposed over the top of the disc-shaped item of recorded media.

22. (Previously Presented) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the hub is tubular and open at a bottom surface of the base.

23. (Previously Presented) The storage container of claim 9, further comprising a disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub with the locking fingers disposed over the top of the disc-shaped item of recorded media.

24. (Previously Presented) The storage container of claim 16, further comprising a disc shaped item of recorded media held on the hub with the locking fingers disposed over the top of the disc-shaped item of recorded media.

25. (New) The storage container of claim 16, further comprising a lid connected to the base; the lid having an inner surface; the inner surface of the lid engaging the upper surface of the locking finger when the lid is closed with respect to the base.